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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: A. MURCHING ET AL.  
Serial No.: 09/496,068  
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Title: A PROCESS TO EXTRACT REGIONS OF HOMOGENOUS  
COLOR IN A DIGITAL PICTURE  
Examiner: C. LAROSE  
Art Unit: 2623

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 41.33(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.116(a)**

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Please amend the claims of this application, currently under appeal, as indicated in this Amendment paper:

**Listing and Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.